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| Application of: | PETERSON <i>et al.</i> | Confirmation No.: | 2424 |
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Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated **August 24, 2004**, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks. This Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) Each section begins on a separate sheet;
- (B) Starting on a separate sheet, a complete listing of all of the claims:
 - in ascending order;
 - with status identifiers; and
 - with markings in the currently amended claims; and
- (C) Starting on a separate sheet, the Remarks.